

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF ACTIONS

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Art Pick Council Chambers 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA

CASE REVIEW - 4:30 PM

Case Review Roll Call

| Rotker | Smith | Johnson | Sawyer | Ortiz | Jackson | Roberts | Santore | Adams |
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STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comment

There was no public comment regarding closed session items.

Closed Session - Case Review

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 PM to discuss issues pertaining to PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

| | CPRC CASE NO. | RPD CASE NO. | | |
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| 1) | 11-040 | PC-12-01002 | | |

The Commission recessed at 5:30 PM to reconvene in the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM

Audio for the following proceedings is available on the CPRC website: www.riversideca.gov/cprc

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

| Rotker | Smith | Johnson | Sawyer | Ortiz | Jackson | Roberts | Santore | Adams |
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Public Comments

Valeria Hernandez asked what changes need to be made by the city so that the type of incident in which her father was killed does not happen again. She said that the way these types of cases are investigated also needs to change. She stated that the officers couldn't handle her father's situation properly and that the firing of the involved officers isn't enough punishment; that laws also need to be changed and that officers shouldn't draw weapons on someone who is unarmed.

Salvador Santana said that he feels for Ms. Hernandez, but said the commissioners must put emotions aside and look at the facts of the case. He said that he believes this was an act of 'suicide by cop.' He noted that the Ledezma family had called RPD because Mr. Ledezma was beating his wife. He said that Mr. Ledezma committed assault when he threw a pipe at officers, and that officers shot him when he came at them with a second pipe.

Crystal Pereira said that her husband was arrested on March 3rd and that officers put him in a coma because he was beaten so badly. She said that while her husband is no longer in a coma, he can't walk. She said she wants the city to investigate this incident

Rebecca Ledezma said that her husband was never in prison. She said that just because a suspect says "shoot me." doesn't mean the officers have to do it.

Rhonda Herrera, a friend of the Ledezma family, said that Mr. Ledezma had a plastic PVC pipe, not a metal pipe. She said that RPD officers are known for doing bad things, that Mr. Ledezma didn't deserve to be killed, and that the Ledezma family deserves justice.

Mary Shelton spoke regarding the disparity between information regarding officers and criminals. She said information about civilian criminals can easily be obtained online, but civilians don't have access to officers' information unless a Pitchess motion is filed. She noted it is very challenging for families because there are times when officers commit criminal acts and that it is important to remember that things are not equal.

Approval of Minutes

| Minutes for Approval | Motion | Second | Approve | Oppose | Abstain |
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| A) February Regular Meeting | Rotker | Smith | 7 | 0 | Sawyer |
| B) March 14 Case Review / Training / Special Meeting | Rotker | Johnson | 7 | 0 | Sawyer |

Outreach

A) March Outreach

Commissioner Johnson:

- Attended the community meeting at Bobby Bonds regarding Lareanz Simmons on March 4th;
- Attended the RCC Community Relations class presentation on March 12th;
- Was interviewed by GTV regarding RPD's Strategic Plan on March 19th;
- Attended the annual Boards and Commissions Reception, also on March 19th

Commissioner Smith:

Attended the annual Boards and Commissions Reception

Commissioner Sawyer:

Attended the annual Boards and Commissions Reception

Vice-Chair Jackson:

- Attended the RCC Community Relations class presentation;
- Attended the annual Boards and Commissions Reception;
- Attended an training class regarding officer-involved shootings (OIS)
- Attended the 9th Annual Seniors Conference at the Goeske Center

Chairwoman Roberts:

Attended the RCC Community Relations class presentation on March 12th;

Commissioner Ortiz:

- Riverside Downtown Partnership, Downtown Chambers Division; was recently elected president
- Leadership Riverside

Mr. Hauptmann said that the 2011 Annual Report speaks volumes regarding the Commission's outreach in the past year. He also commended Vice-Chair Jackson for choosing to go on her own to the OIS classes and that that says this oversight group takes its job seriously.

B) Scheduled Outreach Events

Commissioner Johnson informed the Commission of several upcoming community events:

- March 31st Eastside Community Health Fair and Egg Hunt
- C) Future Outreach Opportunities
 - 1) 34th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner & Awards Ceremony, Thursday, April 19 at the Riverside Convention Center. Reception: 5:30 6:30 PM; Dinner: 6:30 PM
 - 2) Input from Outreach Coordinator on upcoming outreach events
 - 3) Input from Commission Members on potential outreach events

Chairwoman Roberts commented on the Commission's attendance at the Law Enforcement Appreciation

Dinner and Awards Ceremony the past two years and asked if they would be attending this year. Mr. Hauptmann said yes, the Commission would be attending and asked to be advised how many commissioners, including spouse or guest, would be interested so he would know if one or two tables would be needed.

Vice-Chair Jackson also noted that the event is held annually to recognize the actions of officers in the Inland Empire and to remember and honor those who have fallen in the line of duty.

Commissioner Johnson advised of the "Events Calendar" that is posted on the Commission's website, noting that the calendar for is for citizens and is public service to help keep citizens informed of the numerous no cost or low cost activities in Riverside. He then noted some of the upcoming events:

- Blindness Support Services Friends' Appreciation Night: March 29th
- Tax preparation assistance for seniors and low income at
 - o Goeske Senior Center: April 3rd 5th
 - Stratton Community Center: April 5th
 - o Eddie DeSmith Community Center: April 6th
 - La Sierra Senior Center: April 6th & 7th
- Eastside Community Fair & Egg Hunt: March 31st
- 'Salute to Veterans' Parade: April 21st
- National Crime Victims' Rights event: April 26th

OLD BUSINESS

CPRC Ad-hoc Committees

- A) Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws
 - 1) Committee Chair has no update at this time
 - 2) Appointment of new committee member

Commissioner Rotker, Committee Chair, had no update. A new committee member was not appointed so remains at two members.

- B) 2011 Annual Report
 - 1) Project completed
 - 2) Committee disbanded

Chairwoman Roberts advised that the 2011 Annual Report was completed and that the Annual Report Adhoc Committee has been disbanded.

NEW BUSINESS

CPRC Meeting Procedures

- A) Historical overview by original CPRC Commissioners as to why the Commission opted for informal meeting procedures rather formal parliamentary procedures
- B) Discussion between Commissioners and guest speakers

Chairwoman Roberts introduced Jack Brewer and Bill Howe, two of the original nine CPRC Commissioners, giving their biographies, along with Mike Gardner's. Mr. Gardner, another of the original nine commissioners, was unable to attend this meeting, but gave his comments on the topic in writing.

Chairwoman Roberts began by asking Mr. Howe and Mr. Brewer how it came about that the Commission decided on informal rather than formal meeting procedures.

Mr. Howe said the Commission wanted to do things "proper" so began by using Robert's Rules of Order. However, meetings were delayed because commissioners were confused and it became too cumbersome

to use. The Commission ultimately decided that the meetings would run more smoothly if the procedures were informal.

Mr. Brewer said that he and Mr. Howe were the only ones with law enforcement backgrounds and it was just easier to talk and normally discuss things with other commissioners rather than go through formal procedures. He said the Commission discussed the issue of formal vs. informal for a long time, but finally decided on informal procedures. Mr. Brewer noted that there were times in the following years where converting to formal meeting procedures was brought up, but it never panned out.

Chairwoman Roberts said that Mr. Gardner commented on the debate among the original commissioners as to whether they should adopt Robert's Rules of Order or use a more informal procedure. It was pointed out during these discussions that the City Council didn't use Robert's Rules. There was also strong community support for less formal meeting procedures.

Mr. Gardner also recommends against using Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Johnson said that Robert's Rules was used loosely when he worked for the Sherriff's Department. He said it can be very convoluted, the focus of the meeting can be lost, and using the strict guidelines of parliamentary procedures prolongs meetings.

Mr. Howe and Mr. Brewer both recommended against the Commission adopting Robert's Rules.

Chairwoman Roberts thanked Mr. Howe and Mr. Brewer and commended them for their service to the community.

Commissioner Adams said she felt this was the right time to express her concern about the Commission's need to show compassion and empathy for the audience. She noted that the chair speaks for the Commission and when compassion and empathy should be shown, a formal statement by the chair would be appropriate.

Chairwoman Roberts said that can be done.

Commissioner Smith said she has no problem with informal meeting procedures.

Mary Shelton thanked Commissioner Adams for her comments, noting that people aren't leaving the meetings now "totally disgusted" because of the attitudes of commissioners. She also said she liked the new "Request to Speak" form and the change of its color, too.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Ms. Shelton for the compliment, noting that the Commission is here for the citizens.

CPRC Report to City Council

Discussion and action, if any, regarding suggestions from Commissioners for inclusion of specific items or topics of discussion in the Chair's five minute presentation to City Council on April 24th

Chairwoman Roberts advised the Commission that she would be making a presentation to the City Council on April 24th and asked if the commissioners had any suggestions of what to include in the report. Her suggestions / ideas for the report are:

- 1) Significant subject matter in 2011
 - Commission training and team building
 - o Building and maintaining community ties through outreach
 - o Building trust between the community and the police department
 - Maintaining cohesive relationship with police department
 - CPRC Annual Report
- 2) Principle initiatives for 2012
 - o Community outreach with additional focus on youth, seniors, and the disabled

- Form Annual Report and By-Laws committees
- o Commission training and team building
 - NACOLE 2012
 - Street Crime Seminar
 - Citizens Academy
- o Maintaining cohesive relationship with police department
- 3) What City Council can do to help.

Commissioner Adams expressed concern regarding the wording "maintaining cohesive relationship" with RPD. She felt that saying "maintaining an open communication" would seem less unbiased than the other wording. Chairwoman Roberts understood her concern and said she would change to Commissioner Adams' suggested wording.

When asked for suggestions regarding what City Council can do to help, Commissioner Johnson said that when he first started as the Outreach Coordinator, other city departments seemed apprehensive to see CPRC commissioners at their events. Anything other city departments can to do help the Commission with its outreach efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Hauptmann confirmed the reticence of other city departments to have CPRC participate in city events. He noted that it is very important for the Commission to have a good working relationship with other city departments.

Mary Shelton suggested speaking on the trends in certain neighborhoods, noting that some have no complaints. She also suggested the RPD - CPRC – CM findings comparisons.

Commissioner Ortiz left at 7 PM.

Staff Report

- A) FY 11/12 3rd Quarter Budget Report
- B) Fiscal Year Expenditures and Current Balance for
 - 1) Travel and Meeting Account
 - 2) Training

Mr. Hauptmann advised that

- Total budget appropriation is \$260,567 with a total non-personnel appropriation of \$72,005
 - January: non-personnel expenditures of \$685.93 with available balance of \$55,450.53. Total expenditures were \$15,512 leaving a total available balance of \$126,594
 - February: non-personnel expenditures of \$1,811.42 with available balance of \$53,369.11. Total expenditures were \$14,914.39 leaving a total available balance of \$111,680.01.
 - \$1,500 of the non-personnel expenditures went to Mike Bumcrot regarding the Ledezma OID
 - March: non-personnel expenditures of \$650.07 with available balance of \$52,989.04. Total expenditures were \$12,243.33 leaving a total available balance of \$99,436.
 - \$525 of the non-personnel expenditures went to Mike Bumcrot regarding the Bond OID
- Current budget for Training is \$1,200
- Travel and Meeting original appropriation \$7,500
 - Total expenditures are -\$316.57
 - o NACOLE expenditures \$6,826.25

Chairwoman Roberts asked what was done when an account showed a negative balance, saying she was interested in commissioners being able to attend seminars and wanted to make sure there were funds to do so. Mr. Hauptmann said a balance transfer would be done. He also noted that NACOLE took a big chunk out of that account due to the cost of going to New Orleans for the conference. He said that if any commissioners were interested in attending a training class or seminar with tuition between now and July 1st, to let him know and he would work with them regarding payment.

Training Seminar

Discussion and action, if any, regarding CPRC attendance at the "Street Crime Seminar"

Chairwoman Roberts said that it is good for commissioners to attend law enforcement seminars if possible, and that the "Street Crime Seminar" is applicable to what the Commission does.

Commissioner Rotker said it seems like an interesting class, noting that the Commission has dealt with issues discussed in the class.

| Motion for Approval | Motion | Second | Approve | Oppose | Abstain |
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| Attend "Street Crime Seminar" | Rotker | Jackson | Rotker Smith Johnson Jackson Roberts Adams | 0 | Sawyer |

Chairwoman Roberts asked that commissioners let Ms. Sherron know if they are interested in attending the seminar.

Commission Member Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Commissioner Adams suggested that the Commission connect with the Commission on Aging. She also noted that there are numerous "Seniors Fairs" and that CPRC needs to connect with these groups.

Vice-Chair Jackson agreed with Commissioner Adams and Commission Johnson thanked them both.

Vice-Chair Jackson also said that Commissioner Johnson is doing an amazing job as outreach coordinator and asked if it would be possible to add that title under his picture on the CPRC website. Mr. Hauptmann said that would be done.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

Vice-Chair Jackson said she would be attending the new commissioner orientation and training session on April 5th, noting that it would mean more after serving for a year.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The Commission adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE SHERRON Sr. Office Specialist